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TOPIC 1. Polish Troops in Sorau and Sagan. 25X1A

2. Supply Installations in Niederullersdorf and Friebus.

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25X1X Polish Division Headquarters in Sorau.

1. In January 1951, a Polish headquarters, commanded by a general and generally referred to as a division headquarters by the residents, was located in the eastern sector of Sorau (O 52/B 16), north of the Sorau-Sagan railroad line, in four former civilian houses on the east side of former Kautenkrantzstrasse, whose southsoutheast extension leads from Sorau to Kunzendorf (O 52/B 16).
2. Between 100 and 200 Polish soldiers were observed near these billets. In source's opinion, a motorized infantry unit and a motorized artillery unit as well as a tank unit, all of them located in Sorau in the barracks installation on the Sagan road, were subordinate to the division headquarters, which also controlled one more Polish artillery unit of the Sagan Post. Up to 12 Polish infantry companies were observed by source at troop reviews in Sorau. (1)

25X1X Polish Motorized Artillery in Sagan.

3. A Polish motorized artillery unit of three batteries was located in a barracks installation on the west side of Bahnhofstrasse near the railroad station. The unit was equipped with two gun models, both of which were towed by three-axle trucks, with the total number of both models observed by source not exceeding six guns. The guns, which were of about 100 mm, had two rubber tire disk wheels, four-cornered shields, and barrels mounting no muzzle brakes, the two models differing only in the length of their barrels. (2)
4. The soldiers of the artillery unit wore khaki uniforms and, when going out, brown visor-type service caps with red bands. All soldiers were youths on active duty. In late 1950 and early 1951, the troops were frequently observed at exercises around Marsdorf (O 52/B 16).
5. An unidentified number of Soviet officers and NCOs were occasionally observed in the city of Sagan. (3)

Soviet Fuel Depot near Niederullersdorf.

6. In January 1951, there was a Soviet fuel depot near Niederullersdorf (O 52/B 15), in the wooded area between the Hansdorf (O 52/B 15) railroad station and the town of Niederullersdorf on the north side of the Hansdorf-Priebus

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(O 52/B 04) railroad line. The depot, a former German installation, was not damaged during the war. According to civilians employed there, raw gasoline supplied to the depot was filtered and processed in underground installations. Gasoline came in by train on the Sagan-Sorau-Hansdorf railroad line; outgoing shipments, however, were generally made by truck and tank truck via Liebzen (O 52/B 15) toward the autobahn. (4)

7. Except for a laundress who said she had to do the washing for two hundred of the Soviet personnel, all German employees who still worked at the depot were recently removed from the installation.

25X1X Priebus Ammunition Depot.

8. The former German ammunition depot at Priebus, located about 3.5 km west-northwest of Priebus and north of the town of Fattag (O 52/A 94), had suffered no war damages. Operations were unknown to source, who only stated that no supply traffic was observed on the Hansdorf-Priebus railroad line in the direction of Priebus and no employees from the Sorau area were working in Priebus. (5)

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- (1) Several previous reports stated that a division headquarters was located in Sorau and motorized infantry, motorized artillery and tank troops were billeted in the barracks installation. It is believed that the units concerned are the former 11th Inf Div, which has now been motorized.

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- (2) A report of March 1951 stated that a heavy motorized artillery unit was located in the barracks installation. According to the present report, the guns observed in January 1951 are believed to be Model 38 122-mm field howitzers. No information has been received that the occupation of the installation has been changed in the meantime.

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- (3) The present report confirms the belief that Sagan is no longer occupied by Soviet troops.

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- (4) The depot has been mentioned in a previous report. See (5) A report of March 1951 stated that heavy train traffic was observed near the depot, thus justifying the belief that the ammunition depot is active.

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